

Revised Regulatory Update

Customs Union Agreement in Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia

The Customs Union (CU) of Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia are in the process of harmonizing the EMC (Electromagnetic compatibility) and LVE (Low-voltage equipment) regulations to allow harmonized certifications across all three countries.

Draft regulations for EMC and LVE (CCU decision # 879 and 884) are expected to be implemented on 15 February 2013.

Once implemented, manufacturers will be able to apply for EMC and Safety approval in one of the three countries and the resulting Customs Union approval will cover the product for all three countries. However, a Factory Inspection is expected to be required prior to the certificate being issued (this point is still under discussion).

All products which obtain Customs Union approvals will be required to be correctly labelled (CCU decision # 711 and 800) with the correct conformity mark as follows: .



Please note that the Conformity Mark should be:

- equal in height and width with a base size no less than 5mm and be visible to the naked eye

- applied to each unit of production, packaging or accompanying documentation
- image of the conformity mark should be one color and contrast with the color of the surface to which it is applied.

Please note: The new Customs Union approval will replace the GOST approval scheme. However, it does not affect Telecom and Radio Approvals: individual country Approval requirements will remain in force for these products.

Approvals for products under current national EMC and Safety requirements (GOST) will remain valid until their listed expiry date or until 15 March 2015 (whichever comes first), where by CU certificates will need to be obtained to replace the individual country Approvals.

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